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INFO AMEMBASSY OSLO PRIORITY

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SUBJ: LOS: PRG AND GRUNK AT UNGA

REF: STATE 219689, STATE 222028, STOCKHOLM 4011,
HELSINKI 2843 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER RECEIVING STATE 222028 WE TOOK FIRST
OPPORTUNITY NOVEMBER 12 TO HAVE POLITICAL OFFICER CALL
ON DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION OF FINNISH
FOREIGN MINISTRY, DR. KEIJO KORHONEN.

2. KORHONEN WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE HE HAD JUST RETURNED
FROM UNGA, WOULD IN ANY CASE HAVE BEEN CONSULTED BY
FOREIGN MINISTER, AND IS THE ONE PERSON IN FONMIN
WHO AT TIMES WILL STICK HIS NECK OUT TO PUSH FOR
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DECISION WHICH MAY BE UNPOPULAR. HE ALSO, AS TUOVINEN,

HAS THE CONFIDENCE OF BOTH FONMIN KARJALAINEN AND PRESIDENT KEKKONEN, AND ACCESS TO BOTH.

3. POLITICAL OFFICER IMPRESSED UPON KORHONEN HIGH LEVEL US INTEREST AND FACT THAT ABSTENTION WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO VOTING FOR RESOLUTION AND ASSURING ITS PASSAGE. KORHONEN PROMISED TO TAKE IT UP ON THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL, BUT DID NOT HOLD OUT ANY GREAT HOPE FOR THE FINNS DOING MORE THAN THEIR USUAL ABSTAINING ON THIS TYPE OF ISSUE.

4. WE THEN CONSULTED AGAIN WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YAMAMOTO, WHO DID INDICATE THAT HE HAD REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT FINLAND WAS ONE OF SIXTEEN PLACES WHERE JAPANESE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER WITH OTHER ASIANS AND THE US ON THIS MATTER. YAMAMOTO DID NOT SEEM ANXIOUS TO TAKE ANY ACTION, HOWEVER.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF STOCKHOLM 4011 WE TOOK THE LIBERTY OF USING SAME TO TRY TO NUDGE YAMAMOTO INTO ACTION, WITH SOME SUCCESS. THE JAPANESE TODAY INFORMED US THAT YAMAMOTO YESTERDAY HAD CALLED ON CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION OF FONMIN, MATTI TUOVINEN, AND HAD BEEN TOLD BY TUOVINEN THAT THE FINNS WOULD ABSTAIN ON BOTH ISSUES.

6. WE ALSO CONTACTED KORHONEN AGAIN NOVEMBER 14 AFTER NOT HAVING HAD AN ANSWER FROM HIM. KORHONEN STILL DEMURRED ON A REPLY, SAYING THAT HE HAD THE DAY BEFORE CABLED THE FINNISH UN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LOS SITUATION. WE INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN THAT HE WANTED TO GET THE OPINION OF HIS PEOPLE AT THE UN. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THINK THAT KORHONEN WAS TRYING TO COLLECT AMMUNITION FOR ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE THE VOTE FROM ABSTENTION TO NEGATIVE, BUT ARE AFRAID THAT THIS COULD WELL BE WISHFUL THINKING, EXPECIALLY IN VIEW OF TUOVINEN'S ANSWER TO YAMAMOTO.

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7. NEVERTHELESS, WE STILL ENTERTAIN SOME SLIGHT HOPE OF THE FINNS COMING AROUND, SINCE KORHONEN HAS NOT YET TOLD US NO. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE FONMIN IS CONSULTING ITS REPS IN NEW YORK, WE -- IN NOVEMBER 14 TELCON BETWEEN DCM AND COUNTRY OFFICER OWENS -- SUGGESTED YET A FURTHER ATTEMPT BY USUN TO PERSUADE THE FINNS THERE.

8. AS SOON AS WE HAVE FINAL WORD FROM FONMIN WE WILL
BE IN TOUCH, BUT THE FINNISH UN DELEGATION MAY RECEIVE
IT FIRST, IN VIEW OF THE TIMING PROBLEMS.
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